

**DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor(s), I(we) declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

\_\_\_\_\_ The attached application, or

☒ Application No. 10/578,088, filed on May 3, 2006,

(Insert U.S. application No., or PCT international application No.)

\_\_\_\_\_ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I(we) believe that I(we) am(are) the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the invention **entitled** (insert title below)

**$\beta$ -chitin Complex and Method for Producing the Same.**

(I(we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendments specifically referred to above;

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I(we) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/month/year filed</u>	<u>Priority claimed</u>	
				YES	NO
<i>List all prior foreign applications, and indicate for each application if priority is claimed.</i>	<b>2004-132880</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>28/4/2004</b>	<b>X</b>	

\_\_\_\_\_ See attached list for additional prior foreign applications.

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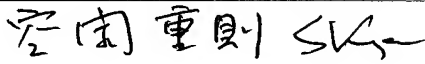
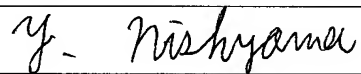
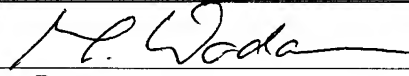
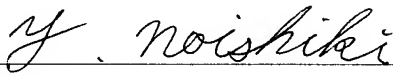
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